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Below are a few quick bullet points on items we can highlight today:

-On Friday we had discussed asking for increased police officer foot beat presence in areas that have the highest concentration of homelessness like Downtown and Hollywood. Today, Carol and I discussed this and we think we may have more success if we keep this ask directed at Capt. Oreb.

-Advocate for more outreach workers. More have been added to Skid Row but we need that effort expanded to all of Downtown. We need outreach workers present all over Downtown to identify and assist homeless individuals who are impacting the quality of life for all. The example of the 8 year old getting attacked in front of WDCH in the middle of the day is one of many examples. The City is placing the community in a dangerous situation by not dealing with the mentally ill and/or addicted homeless people roaming the streets. We need skilled outreach workers to get these folks connected to services and housing.

-Implementing 56.11, we understand there needs to be storage facilities and shelters to implement this so the City does not get sued again. This can be done. Ask the Mayor to dedicate City owned parking lots and property to create new storage facilities and temporary shelters. Also ask the Mayor to keep the Winter shelter program operating year round. Bottom line, we need immediate solutions to address the crisis on the street. The Council declared a shelter emergency so the Mayor has the ability to use City owned property for these purposes. The Council did recently add 440 beds to the winter shelter program so there is now a total of 1240 winter shelter beds in the City.

-Advocate for declaring a state of emergency. Could it help bring new federal resources? The Mayor had mentioned waiting until El Nino strikes to do this. What is the rationale? Have there been any conversations at the State or Federal level about this.

-Share with the Mayor what your BID has done to address homelessness. For example, DCBID has a contract with PATH to do targeted outreach.

See you all later today & thank you, Marie

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